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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

KRYSTAL AUSTIN AND DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN,

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

- against -NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. AND CALEB ROMANOWSKI, Index No.700948/2021

Defendant/Respondent.

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KRYSTAL AUSTIN and DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN,

Plaintiff (s),

-against-

NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. and CALEB ROMANOWSKI,

Defendant (s),

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Index No. // / Plaintiff(s) designates
QUEENS County
as the place of trial

The basis of venue is
The Location of accrual
Of the cause of action
County of Queens
State of New York

To the above named Defendant(s)

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.

Dated: January 14, 2021

Notice: The object of this action is to recover for personal injury due to defendant(s) negligence

The relief sought is Monetary Damages

BY: ADIL YA GAMBONE, ESQ.
This SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
and the papers on which it is based, are
certified pursuant to Section 130-1.1-a
of the rules of the Chief Administrator
(22NYCRR)
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s),
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Upon your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default with interest from September 8, 2020 and the costs of this action.

DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS(ES)

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NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. C/O CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK, 12207-2543

CALEB ROMANOWSKI 50 North Landon Avenue Kingston, PA 18704

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS	
KRYSTAL AUSTIN and DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN,	VERIFIED COMPLAINT
Plaintiff (s),	Index #
-against-	

NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. and CALEB-ROMANOWSKI,

Defendant (s),	
	v

Plaintiff(s), complaining of the defendants by her attorney upon information and belief, respectfully allege(s):

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF KRYSTAL AUSTIN

- 1. That at all the times herein mentioned, the Plaintiff, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, was and still is a resident of the County of QUEENS, the State of New York.
- 2. That at all the times herein mentioned, the Plaintiff, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, was and still is a resident of the County of QUEENS, the State of New York.
- 3. That at all the times herein mentioned, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI,, was and still is a resident of the County of Luzeme, the State of Pennsylvania.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was and still is a domestic corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of New York.
- 5. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was and still is a domestic business corporation organized and

existing under and by virtue of the laws of New York.

- 6. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was and still is a domestic limited liability company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of New York.
- 7. That at all of the time hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was a foreign corporation authorized to do business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 8. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was and still is a foreign company authorized to do business under and by virtue of laws and of the State of New York.
- 9. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was and still is a foreign limited liability authorized to do business under and by virtue of laws and of the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., maintained a principal place of business in the County of Queens, State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., conducted and carried on business in the County of Queens, and the State of New York.
- 12. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., conducted and carried on business in the State of New York.
- 13. That at all the times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., transacted business within the County of Queens, State of New

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- 14. That at all the times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the defendant, That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, operated the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing New York State registration number PC152655,
- 15. That at all times mentioned, defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 16. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the titled owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 17. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the registered owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 18. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the lessee of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 19. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the lessor of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 20. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., was the renter of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 21. That at all times mentioned, defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.

- 22. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the titled owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 23. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the registered owner of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 24. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the lessee of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 25. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the lessor of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 26. That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, was the renter of a motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 27. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., maintained the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 28. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., managed the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 29. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., controlled the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 30. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC., operated the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.

That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, maintained the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.

- 32. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, managed the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- 33. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, controlled the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, operated the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant CALEB ROMANOWSKI, operated a motor vehicle bearing New York Registration number 21752MA with knowledge, permission and consent of Defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant CALEB ROMANOWSKI, maintained a motor vehicle bearing New York Registration number 21752MA with knowledge, permission and consent of the defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant CALEB ROMANOWSKI, managed a motor vehicle bearing New York Registration number 21752MA with knowledge, permission and consent of the defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the Defendant CALEB ROMANOWSKI, controlled a motor vehicle bearing New York Registration number 21752MA with knowledge, permission and consent of the defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC.
- That at all times hereinafter alleged, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, operated motor vehicle bearing New York Registration number 21752MA within the scope of his employment of defendant NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC.

- 40. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff KRYSTAL AUSTIN operated the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Delaware registration number PC152655
- At all times hereinafter mentioned, Rockaway Blvd at or near its intersection with 167 Street in the County of Queens, State of New York, was and still is a public highway used extensively by the public general.
- That on September 8, 2020, at the aforesaid location, the motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908 came in contact with a motor vehicle bearing Delaware registration number PC152655.
- That on September 8, 2020, at the aforesaid location, the motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908 came in contact with a motor vehicle bearing Delaware registration number PC152655, in which Plaintiff KRYSTAL AUSTIN was seated.
- That the aforesaid accident and injuries resulting were due solely and wholly as a result of the careless, reckless and negligent manner in which the defendants owned, operated, maintained, managed and controlled their motor vehicle without this plaintiff in any way contributing thereto.
- That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the defendants, the Plaintiff, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, was severely injured, bruised and wounded, suffered, still suffers and will continue to suffer for some time physical pain and bodily injuries and became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 46. That by reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff KRYSTAL AUSTIN, was compelled to and did necessarily require medical aid and attention, and did necessarily pay and become liable therefore for medicines and upon information and belief, the Plaintiff will necessarily incur similar expenses.

- 47. That by reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff KRYSTAL AUSTIN, has been unable to attend to her usual occupation in the manner required.
- 48. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, sustained serious injuries as defined in Section 5102 (d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and has sustained economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined in Section 5102 of said Insurance Law.
- 49. That one or more of the exceptions of paragraph 1602 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules applies to the within action.
- 50. That as a result of the foregoing, the Plaintiff, KRYSTAL AUSTIN, sustained damages in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of the lower courts.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN

- Plaintiff DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN hereby repeats, reiterates, and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 50 with the same force and effect as if more fully and at length set forth herein.
- 52. That all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff, DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, was a passenger in the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing Delaware State registration number PC152655.
- That on September 8, 2020, at the aforesaid location, the motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908 came in contact with a motor vehicle bearing Delaware registration number PC152655.
- That on September 8, 2020, at the aforesaid location, the motor vehicle bearing Indiana State registration number T499908 came in contact with a motor vehicle bearing Delaware registration number PC152655, in which Plaintiff DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN was legally seated.

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55. That the aforesaid accident and injuries resulting were due solely and wholly as a result of the careless, reckless and negligent manner in which the defendants owned, operated, maintained, managed and controlled their motor vehicle without this plaintiff in any way contributing thereto.

- That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the defendants, the Plaintiff,
 DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, was severely injured, bruised and wounded, suffered, still
 suffers and will continue to suffer for some time physical pain and bodily injuries and became
 sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 57. That by reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, was compelled to and did necessarily require medical aid and attention, and did necessarily pay and become liable therefore for medicines and upon information and belief, the Plaintiff will necessarily incur-similar expenses.
- 58. That by reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, has been unable to attend to her usual occupation in the manner required.
- 59. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff, DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, sustained serious injuries as defined in Section 5102 (d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and has sustained economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined in Section 5102 of said Insurance Law.
- 60. That one or more of the exceptions of paragraph 1602 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules applies to the within action.
- 61. That as a result of the foregoing, the Plaintiff, DEVERELL ANTHONY AUSTIN, sustained damages in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of the lower courts.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF(s)

- 62. Plaintiff(s) hereby repeats, reiterates, and re-alleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 61 with the same force and effect as if more fully and at length set forth herein.
- 63. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in hiring defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.
- 64. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly train defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, for the purposes of operating the subject vehicle.
- 65. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to hire and employ competently trained drivers for the purpose of operating the subject vehicle including defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.
- 66. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly instruct and train defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI in the operation of the subject vehicle.
- 67. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to promulgate and to enforce sufficient rules and regulations for safety standards while defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI operated the subject vehicle.
- 68. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly supervise defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.
- 69. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. negligently and recklessly retaining defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, as an employee.
- 70. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in hiring defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.

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- 71. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly train defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, for the purposes of operating the subject vehicle.
- That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to hire and employ competently trained drivers for the purpose of operating the subject vehicle including defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.
- 73. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly instruct and train defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI in the operation of the subject vehicle.
- 74. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to promulgate and to enforce sufficient rules and regulations for safety standards while defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI operated the subject vehicle.
- 75; That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. was negligent, careless and reckless in failing to properly supervise defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI.
- 76. That defendant, NATIONAL FREIGHT, INC. negligently and recklessly retaining defendant, CALEB ROMANOWSKI, as an employee.
- By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer severe and serious personal injuries to mind and body, and further, that the Plaintiff was subjected to great physical pain and mental anguish.
- 78. That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, was damaged in an amount which exceeds the monetary jurisdictional limits of any and all lower Courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction herein, in an amount to be determined upon trial of this action.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff(s) demand judgment both compensatory and

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exemplary against the defendants in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction and which warrants the jurisdiction of this Court; together with the costs and disbursements of each cause of action.

Dated: Elmhurst, NY January 14, 2021

Yours, etc.

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By: Adilya Gambone, Esq. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s)

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The undersigned, affirms that the following statements are true under the penalties of perjury.

This SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT and the papers on which it is based, are certified pursuant to Section 130-1.1-a of the rules of the Chief Administrator (22NYCRR)

That deponent is the plaintiff in the within action; that deponent has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof; that same is true to deponent's own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters deponent believes it to be true. The grounds of deponent's belief as to all matters not stated upon deponent's knowledge are as follows:

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